

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Non-elected Claims 10-15 have been cancelled.

Claims 7-8 have been amended to recite that the claimed means are "configured to" perform the various claimed functions. It is applicants' understanding from a brief discussion on January 29, 2007 that this overcomes the outstanding rejection of these claims.

Additionally, Claims 1, 3, 17 and 18 have also been amended to recite a controller "configured to control" as suggested by the examiner during a telephone discussion on January 17, 2007.

Applicants therefore believe that the present application is in a condition for allowance and respectfully solicit an early Notice of Allowability.

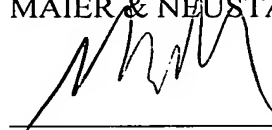
Customer Number

22850

Tel: (703) 413-3000
Fax: (703) 413 -2220
(OSMMN 06/04)

Respectfully submitted,

OBLON, SPIVAK, McCLELLAND,
MAIER & NEUSTADT, P.C.



Robert T. Pous
Attorney of Record
Registration No. 29,099